

# UCT's Sapphire Event

Friday, 11 March 2022



# Program Schedule

Start	End	Description	Location
0830	1230	Swag available for purchase	Blue Wahoos Stadium
0900	0915	Welcome	
0915	0930	History: Why we are here	
0930	1000	Q&A: Class 78-01	
1000	1020	Brig Gen Leslie Maher	
1020	1035	BREAK	
1035	1055	Brig Gen Brenda Cartier	
1055	1115	Brig Gen John Quintas (USAF, Ret)	
1115	1120	“Day in the Life of UCT” reveal	
1120	1130	Closing Remarks	
1130	1215	LUNCH	
1150	1200	JROTC students load buses	
1230	1530	Aircraft Static Displays	Forrest Sherman Field
1300	1500	Swag pre-order pick-up/sales	
1300	1500	“Day in the Life of UCT” art signing	
1340	1345	Gulf Breeze HS load bus/depart	
1355	1405	Escambia HS load bus/depart	
1400	1410	Pensacola HS load bus/depart	
1600	1700	Heritage Roll Call	Mustin Beach Club

# Guest Speakers

## **Brigadier General Brenda P. Cartier**

Brig. Gen. Brenda P. Cartier is the Director of Operations and Communications, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas. She is responsible for the world's largest training organization, providing initial skills, undergraduate flying, post graduate combat crew and supplemental training for over 300,000 Air Force, joint and international personnel at 65 Air Force and Department of Defense locations.

## **Brigadier General Leslie A. Maher**

Brig. Gen. Leslie A. Maher is Commander, Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. As the Air Force's largest officer accession source, Brig. Gen. Maher leads more than 3,300 Airmen, training 120,000 cadets at 2,085 global locations. The command includes 15,000 cadets at 1,200 colleges and universities nationwide for Air Force ROTC, 3,500 cadets in Air Force Officer Training School at Maxwell AFB, and more than 101,000 cadets in 885 high schools globally supporting Air Force Junior ROTC.

## **Brigadier General John T. Quintas (USAF, Retired)**

John is Managing Director for Amazon's Global Military Affairs. His team's mission is to drive Amazon's customer obsession with military service members, veterans, military spouses and their families. John served 29 years in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a Brigadier General. In his final assignment, John was the senior advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Asia military policy and strategy, where he participated in Secretary-level dialogues with key nations, such as Japan, Republic of Korea, India and China.

## **Colonel Mary K. Higgins (USAF, Retired)**

Colonel Mary K. Higgins's final assignment was as Chief, Operations and Plans Division, on the staff of the Chief, Air Force Reserve, at the Pentagon. As such, she was the Pentagon's expert on Air Force Reserve mobilization policy and actions. After the 9/11 attacks, her responsibility included staffing a Reserve desk on the Air Force Crisis Action Team which was operated around the clock for more than two years.

## **Lieutenant Colonel Elizabeth A. Koch (USAF, Retired)**

Lt Col Koch's final assignment from September 1990 to March 1993 was with the 2nd Airborne Command Control Squadron, Offutt AFB, Nebraska. For her duties as Director of the Airborne Battle Staff on SAC's airborne command and control aircraft (Looking Glass, EC-135C) she attended Airborne Launch Control System Training (ALCS) at Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota, to be able to launch intercontinental ballistic missiles. As Director of the Airborne Battle Staff on Looking Glass, Lt Col Koch was instrumental in providing an alternate, survivable, airborne platform in support of National Command Authorities and Joint Chiefs of Staff to control all strategic nuclear forces.

## **Lieutenant Colonel Florence "Flo" E. Parker (USAF, Retired)**

Lt Col Parker had the honor of graduating and being commissioned into the United States Air Force with University of Kentucky's first class of 4-year AFROTC women on 10 May 1975. She then trained at Lowry AFB, Colorado as a Munitions Maintenance Officer and was assigned to the 4502nd Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Bergstrom AFB, Texas. She had applied for the first class of women Undergraduate Pilot Training candidates while still at Lowry AFB. After the cut-off had been made for the first UPT classes, she was asked if she would be interested in applying for the first class of women Undergraduate Navigator Training (UNT) students at Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento, California.

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**Forrest Sherman Field:** Aircraft Static Display / Incentive Flights  
**451<sup>st</sup>/455<sup>th</sup> FTS Building:** 479 FTG Facility Tours  
**Applied Instructional Facility (AIF):** 479 FTG Facility Tours  
**Navy Lodge Pensacola:** DV Lodging  
**Mustin Beach Club:** Roll Call